

REMARKS

The applicants appreciate the Examiner's thorough examination of the application and request reexamination and reconsideration of the application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of a Revocation of Power of Attorney and a copy of a Power of Attorney filed with the Patent Office on even date herewith appointing the undersigned's firm as having Power of Attorney to prosecute the subject application. The applicant also encloses herewith a replacement Declaration and Power of Attorney to replace the originally filed Declaration and Power of Attorney.

The Examiner rejects claim 5 under 35 U.S.C. §112 as repeating the same limitation as claim 1. To advance the prosecution of the subject application, the applicant has cancelled claim 5 through the above amendments. Further, the applicant has amended claims 3, 8 and 13 to correct typographical errors, not for reasons relating to the patentability of the claims.

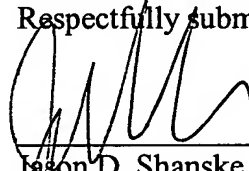
The Examiner rejects claims 1, 5-6 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 4,334,356 to *Krosunger* and by U.S. Patent No. 6,736,126 to *Schroer et al.* The Examiner also indicates that claims 2-4, 7-10 and 12-14 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. To advance the prosecution of the subject application, the applicant has amended independent claim 1 to include the features of allowable claim 2; amended independent claim 6 to include the features of allowable claim 7; amended independent claim 11 to include the features of allowable claim 12; and cancelled claim 5.

Accordingly, the applicant submits that the claims of the subject application are now in condition for allowance.

Each of the Examiner's rejections has been addressed or traversed. Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

If for any reason this Response is found to be incomplete, or if at any time it appears that a telephone conference with counsel would help advance prosecution, please telephone the undersigned or his associates, collect in Waltham, Massachusetts, at (781) 890-5678.

Respectfully submitted,



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